

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments have been made to a specification and claims translated from Italian for greater consistency with U.S. idiom and practice and to avoid multiple claim dependencies. The claims have been further amended to distinguish from the prior art cited in the international stage.

A laser in a Q-switch normally has a polarizer and a modulator. According to the invention, the laser cavity does not include a polarizer. The modulation of the losses is obtained through an electro-optical modulator and birefringent wedge. This approach is less complex and less expensive than that of the prior art. The invention, as now claimed, enables use of a very compact laser cavity.

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